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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 61.2 degrees, 1.3 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, October 2, 2005. Precipitation averaged 1.40 inches, 0.69 inches above normal. There were 82 modified growing degree days during the week, which is 3 degree days below normal for this week.

Reporters rated 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, September 30, 2005. Days suitable for field work were down 1.2 days from last week, and down 2.2 days from last year. Compared to the 2000-2004 average, the current week is down 0.4 days. Topsoil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 14 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2005	4.1	5.3	134.4
2004	6.3	6.1	114.2
2000-2004 Average	4.5	5.7	113.6

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	2	14	67	17
Last Week	8	26	59	7
Same Week Last Year	4	17	73	6
2000-2004 Average	7	14	67	12

CROP PROGRESS AND FIELD ACTIVITIES WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2005

Reporters estimate that 97 percent of **soybeans** are dropping leaves, which is 13 days ahead of last year and 10 days ahead of the five-year average. Soybeans mature is at 72 percent, which is 4 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the five-year average. Nineteen percent of the soybeans are reported as harvested, which is 7 days behind last year and 1 day behind the five-year average. Reporters estimate that 79 percent of the **corn** is at the mature stage, which is 3

days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn harvested for grain is at 7 percent, this is 3 days behind last year and 1 day behind the five-year average. Corn silage harvested is at 95 percent, which is more than 3 weeks ahead of last year and 15 days ahead of the five-year average. **Winter wheat** is 10 percent planted, which is 4 days behind last year and 2 days behind the five-year average. Winter wheat emerged is at 1 percent which is 2 days ahead of last year and the same as the five-year average. Forty-four percent of fall and winter **apples** are reported as harvested, which is 2 days behind last year and 4 days behind the five-year average. **Potatoes** are 77 percent harvested, which is 24 days behind last year and 13 days behind the five-year average. **Processing tomatoes** are 95 percent harvested, which is 12 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the five-year average. **Grapes** are 58 percent harvested which is 10 days ahead of last year, but the same as the five-year average.

Crop weather reporters estimate that the fourth **alfalfa hay** cutting is 71 percent complete; this is 7 days ahead of last year, and 4 days ahead of the five-year average. The third cutting of **other hay** is estimated to be 84 percent harvested which is 6 days ahead of last year, but the same as the five-year average.

The rain from last week slowed the soybean harvest. Harvesting of soybeans and corn should move ahead this coming week. The topsoil has dried up enough to allow producers in their fields. The processing tomato harvest is just about complete. The harvest of other vine crops is just about finished: cucumbers, summer squash, egg plant and peppers. The pumpkin harvest is in full swing. Farm activities for the week include: harvest of corn and soybeans, fall plowing, planting winter wheat and rye cover crops, baling hay and straw, and planting of plastic covered strawberries.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

The percentage of hay acreage rated in good-to-excellent condition is 45 percent, which is identical to last week. Thirty-eight percent of pasture conditions are rated good-to-excellent, up 5 percentage points from last week. Corn is reported at 47 percent in good-to-excellent condition, an increase of 1 percentage point from last week. Fifty-six percent of soybean acreage is in good-to-excellent condition, an increase of 2 percentage points from last week.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 2

Crop	2005	2004	2000-2004 Avg	Previous Week Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa Hay 4 th cutting	71	58	64	62	NA
Apples Harvested (Fall & Winter)	44	48	51	31	NA
Corn Mature	79	72	63	65	76
Corn Harvested for grain	7	10	8	5	18
Corn Silage Harvested	95	78	79	87	NA
Grapes Harvested	58	48	58	44	NA
Other Hay 3 rd cutting	84	78	84	83	NA
Potatoes Harvested	77	92	87	72	NA
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	97	82	88	92	83
Soybeans Mature	72	63	61	46	NA
Soybeans Harvested	19	35	21	12	19
Processing Tomatoes	95	77	87	92	NA
Winter Wheat Planted	10	22	16	7	39
Winter Wheat Emerged	1	0	1	NA	12

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 2

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	13	35	36	11
Previous Week	5	14	35	38	8
Previous Year	2	7	22	48	21
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	15	35	37	8
Previous Week	6	14	35	39	6
Previous Year	3	9	28	46	14
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	7	16	39	32	6
Previous Week	8	19	40	30	3
Previous Year	2	6	28	50	14
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	10	32	43	13
Previous Week	3	11	32	44	10
Previous Year	4	8	24	44	20

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 2

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	60.7	1.3	1.81	1.22	19.26	-1.69	89	7	3210	303
North Central	60.5	1.1	1.82	1.14	24.46	2.75	76	-4	3164	300
Northeast	59.1	0.8	2.29	1.38	24.47	1.50	71	-4	2983	285
West Central	61.4	1.1	1.45	0.80	22.28	-0.21	80	-7	3292	263
Central	62.1	1.8	1.20	0.47	21.95	-1.01	85	-3	3320	261
Central Hills	60.4	1.5	1.58	0.87	23.42	0.34	77	-3	3127	288
Northeast Hills	59.7	0.4	1.44	0.74	21.74	-1.18	74	-6	3121	243
Southwest	62.3	1.1	0.92	0.18	20.37	-3.47	85	-7	3426	232
South Central	63.2	1.8	0.79	0.06	19.22	-3.55	91	-3	3498	265
Southeast	61.7	1.5	1.06	0.36	20.15	-2.85	85	-2	3302	257
STATE	61.2	1.3	1.40	0.69	21.50	-1.16	82	-3	3258	269

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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